

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel, without prejudice, claim 12, and amend existing claims 3, 4, and 6-8 with replacement claims as follows:

3. A device as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the openings of the strainer member are of a uniform size.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (IF APPLICABLE)

Date of Deposit: 3-20-02. I hereby certify that this paper/fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail-Postage Prepaid, under 37 CFR 1.8, on the date indicated above, and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner For Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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